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SUBJECT: CODEL STEVENS

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1. AFTER REPEATED REQUESTS TO MFA AND MINFISH, EMBASSY RECEIVED CODEL PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES AUGUST 2. AS INDICATED BELOW, CODEL PROGRAM IS FOR MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD ONLY. CODEL COULD VISIT NAKHODKA FOR ONLY ABOUT THREE HOURS BEFORE DEPARTING FOR YOKOHAMA, JAPAN BY SHIP ON AUGUST 22. ACCORDING TO INTOURIST, FOREIGNERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO TRANSIT THROUGH NAKHODKA ON WAY TO OR FROM JAPAN AND MAY NOT OVERNIGHT THERE. TRAVEL TO NAKHODKA CAN ONLY BE DONE BY OVERNIGHT TRAIN FROM Khabarovsk.

2. IN VIEW OF CUMBERSOME AIR, TRAIN AND SHIP TRAVEL SCHEDULE INVOLVED, WHICH WOULD ALSO NECESSITATE RESCHEDULING ONWARD TRAVEL TO JAPAN, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CODEL SPEND ENTIRE PERIOD AUGUST 14-19 IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD FOR MEETINGS WITH FISHERIES OFFICIALS. THIS WOULD PERMIT CODEL TO FLY TO TOKYO ON AUGUST 19 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

3. PROGRAM AS ENVISAGED IN PARA 1 WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

AUGUST 14 - ARRIVE MOSCOW;

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AUGUST 15 AND 16 - MEETINGS IN MOSCOW, TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD BY

NIGHT TRAIN EVENING OF AUGUST 16;

AUGUST 17 - ARRIVE LENINGRAD 8:00 A.M., MEETINGS WITH FISHERIES OFFICIALS;

AUGUST 18 - SIGHTSEEING IN LENINGRAD, RETURN TO MOSCOW ON NIGHT TRAIN;

AUGUST 19 - ARRIVE MOSCOW 08:00, SIGHTSEEING, DEPART FOR TOKYO.

4. IF CODEL STILL WISHES TO VISIT NAKHODKA, THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED:

AUGUST 14-19 - MEETINGS WITH FISHERIES OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD PER PARA 3 ABOVE;

AUGUST 20 - FLY FROM MOSCOW TO Khabarovsk (LEAVE MOSCOW IN THE MORNING AND ARRIVE Khabarovsk AT 1:00 A.M. AUGUST 21;

AUGUST 21 - SIGHTSEEING IN Khabarovsk, TAKE OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO NAKHODKA;

AUGUST 22 - ARRIVE NAKHODKA AT NOON, MEET WITH FISHERIES OFFICIALS FOR SEVERAL HOURS, DEPART BY SHIP FOR YOKOHAMA;
AUGUST 24 - ARRIVE YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

5. PLEASE ADVISE PREFERRED PROGRAM IN ORDER THAT EMBASSY CAN HAVE MFA ARRANGE FINAL APPOINTMENTS. CODEL SHOULD ALSO MAKE CORRESPONDING TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH ITS INTOURIST REPRESENTATIVE.

6. FYI: LACK OF INTER-COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION AMONG MFA, INTOURIST, AND MINFISH, ALL OF WHICH APPEAR CONFUSED ON HOW BEST TO ARRANGE VISIT, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CAUSE OF DELAY IN OBTAINING ANY SOLID INFORMATION ON CODEL ITINERARY. FACT THAT FEDOSEYEV OF MFA AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS INITIALLY INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS FOR CODEL VISIT ARE NOW ON VACATION MAY ALSO HAVE CONTRIBUTED. END FYI.

7. AS SOON AS EMBASSY LEARNS FINAL SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE SHALL INFORM SENATOR STEVENS THROUGH APPROPRIATE US EMBASSY ACCORDING TO ITINERARY IN PARA 2 REF C. SINCE REF A. INDICATES CODEL TRAVELLING FIRST TO PORTUGAL, PLEASE ADVISE NEW ITINERARY IF THERE ARE CHANGES.
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